MINUTES WAYNE COUNTY ETHICS BOARD

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 – 9:00 A.M. Hearing Room 704, Guardian Building, 500 Griswold, Detroit, MI, 48226.

A. Roll Call

9:12 A.M.

Carron L. Pinkins (C) - Present
Edward McCall Thomas (VC) - Present
Sandra Bucciero - Present
Sue C. Carnell - Excused
Mona Hammoud - Present
Freman Hendrix - Excused
Robert P. Young - Present

B. Thomas/Young

Approved. The minutes from the May 15, 2019 meeting. Motion Carried.

- C. Unfinished Business
- 1. Continuation from May 15, 2019 of the hearing on the complaint by County Executive Warren C. Evans against County Treasurer Eric Sabree

Mr. Sabree and his attorney, Philip J. Thomas, were at the table. Mr. Sabree answered questions from Mr. Thomas, board members and Ethics Board attorney Avery Williams.

The hearing was stopped for a recess at 11:17 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:28 a.m.

Mr. Thomas said that he had no additional witnesses

The board set the next meeting date for 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at which time Mr. Thomas will give a closing statement and the board will make a determination regarding the complaint.

D. New Business

E. Such others matters

Joseph Slezak, Commission legislative policy analyst, updated the board on the contract with Williams Acosta, PLLC. A modification was approved by the Wayne County Commission on May 16, 2019 by a 13-0 vote, extending the contract to July 23, 2021 and increasing the contract's total value to \$65,000 (adding two years and \$30,000).

Mr. Pinkins clarified comments made at the May 15, 2019, meeting. He said that he spoke with Commission Chair Alisha Bell, who said the Commission would examine what investigatory budgets the Macomb and Oakland counties' ethics boards have.

F. Public Comments

Written public comments were received before the meeting from Ponce D. Clay, state Rep. Tenisha Yancey, Miranda Morrow-Bartell and Ron Bartell. Spoken public comments were provided by Katrina Muhammad, Joie Canty, Valerie Burris and Beverly Kindle-Walker.

Thomas/Hammoud Adjournment: 11:48 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
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